

[< Home](#)

MONTREAL | News

Police hand out hundreds of fines at Montreal anti-lockdown demonstration

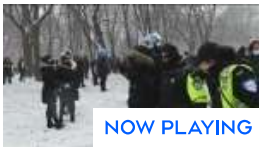
**Daniel J. Rowe**

CTVNewsMontreal.ca Digital Reporter

[@DanielJRowe42](#) | [Contact](#)

Published Sunday, December 20, 2020 4:37PM EST

Last Updated Monday, December 21, 2020 9:37PM EST



NOW PLAYING

Police ticket
COVID-19 rule



Police crack down
at COVID



Hundreds gather in
Montreal to protest



Quebec tops 2,000
cases for third day

breakers

restrictions protest restrictions

SHARE:

Tweet

Reddit

Share 1K

MONTREAL -- Hundreds of people gathered in Montreal Sunday and marched through the city protesting municipal and provincial government restrictions put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Montreal police (SPVM) handed out 269 infractions to protesters who weren't wearing masks, said SPVM spokesperson Julien Levesque.

Levesque added that six general infraction violations were handed out and around a half-dozen arrests were made for criminal infractions.

CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE

- Full coverage of COVID-19 in Quebec
- Here is a breakdown of what's reopening in Quebec
- Free at-home rapid COVID-19 tests now available in some Quebec pharmacies. Here's how to get yours
- How do I get the coronavirus vaccine in Montreal?
- Get The COVID-19 Brief sent to your inbox

Related Stories

- Study looks to measure the impacts of COVID-19 sanitary instructions on funeral rituals
- 'This has become a broken record,' says infections disease specialist on COVID-19 spiking numbers

Crown prosecutors will decide what charges or fines will result in the coming days for those offences.

A ticket for not wearing a mask during a demonstration or protest carries a \$1,546 fine.

As record numbers of new cases are reported daily, Premier Francois Legault announced all non-essential businesses would be required to close from Dec. 25 to Jan. 11.

OTHER TICKETS GIVEN OUT

The 269 tickets handed out at the demonstration were among the 353 given out in the past week. Police said that in that time, they've received 530 calls from people reporting public health

violations.

Montreal officers have also visited two bars and nearly 3,700 businesses.

Laval police have also been busy, handing out 64 tickets last week but also issuing 252 verbal warnings.

- [READ MORE: Quebec shatters single-day record for new COVID-19 cases with 2,146](#)

The Montreal rally began at 12:30 p.m. on Sherbrooke St. at McGill College Ave. with marchers heading towards Parc Lafontaine holding signs reading "We Reject your Great Reset," "Better to die free than live without freedom," "All Businesses are Essential" and others.

Montreal police (SPVM) spokesperson Veronique Comtois said officers were on hand to ensure protesters respected health measures. She said there were no major issues, but that a full report was not available in the early evening.

Many were not wearing masks or respecting a two-metre distance between one another and officers handed out fines.



Comtois said the SPVM would produce a more complete report on the numbers of fines later Sunday evening.



RELATED IMAGES



Police handed out several fines during a demonstration where protesters did not follow public health instructions.



A man reacts after a reception in Montreal, Sunday, December 12, 2021, following the Quebec government's announcement to lift some restrictions.

SHARE:

Tweet

Reddit

Share 1K

🚫 Report Error

🛡️ Editorial standards and policies

📖 Why you can trust CTV News

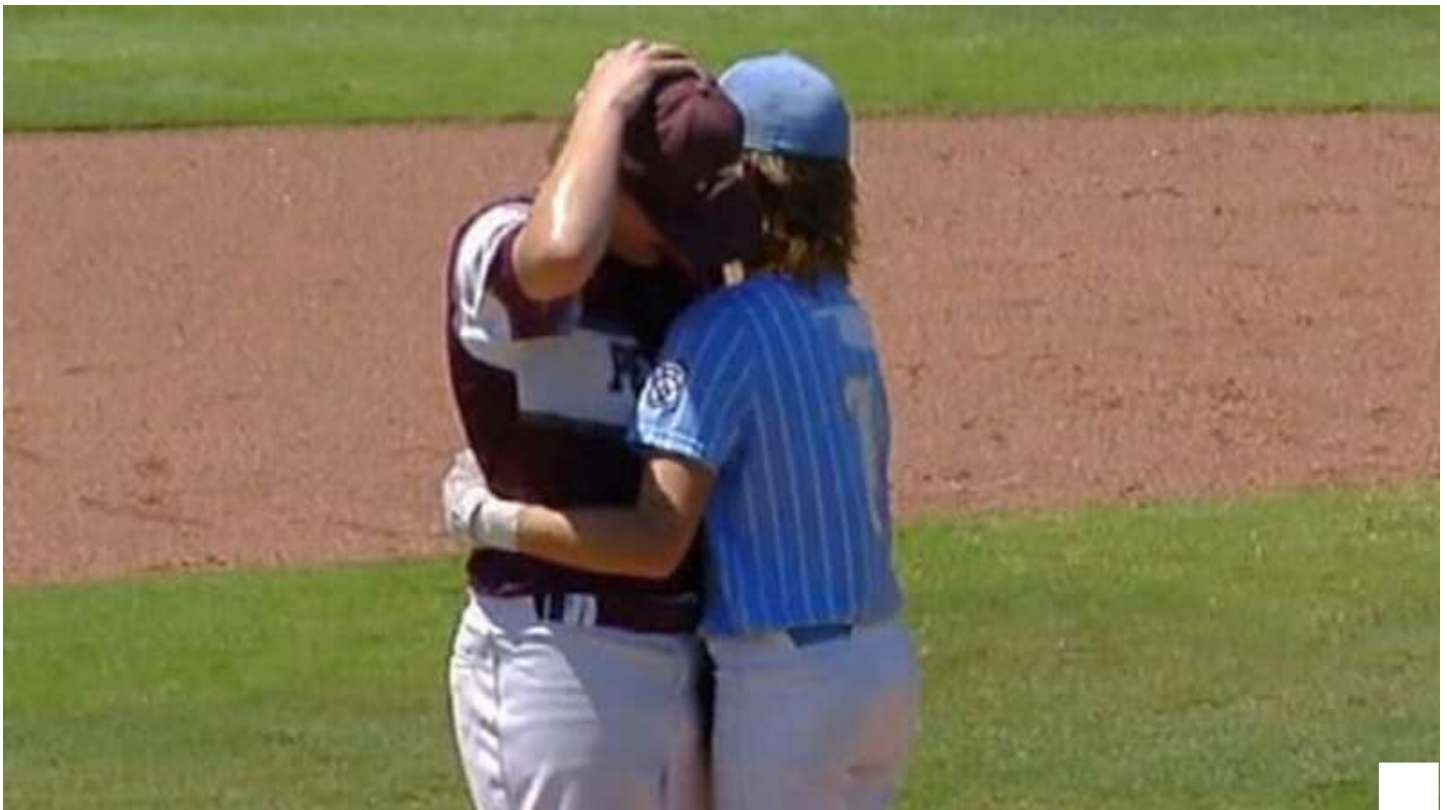
WATCH MORE FROM CTV NEWS



1 dead after shooting at high school in Montreal North



'Never agreed to have him buried here,' says Kahnawake member



Little League batter gets hit in the head, comforts pitcher



This 'socially awkward' dog looking for a forever home



How the RCMP uses spyware to access mobile devices



52 cows die, 140 rescued in huge fire on Ont. dairy farm

MONTREAL TOP STORIES



2 shootings within minutes of each other in Montreal leave 1 dead, 2 injured



Religious minorities feel less safe, welcome in Quebec since Bill 21 was adopted: survey



WATCH LIVE

Royal Canadian Mint to launch new \$1 coin featuring jazz legend Oscar Peterson



What to do in and around Montreal this weekend: Aug 12-14



Montreal public health investigating 3 cases of Legionnaires' Disease



More Canadians report strong attachment to their language than to Canada: poll

FEATURED ITEMS



Montreal's First People's Fest returns this week



Montreal's First People's Fest returns this week



No Stanley Cup? No problem. Canadiens fan makes near-exact replica using 3D printer



Wayward seal surprises boys fishing on Montreal's South Shore in Kahnawake



107th World Esperanto Congress in Montreal to feature Indigenous languages



Quebec restaurant association calls for legalized tip sharing to attract workers

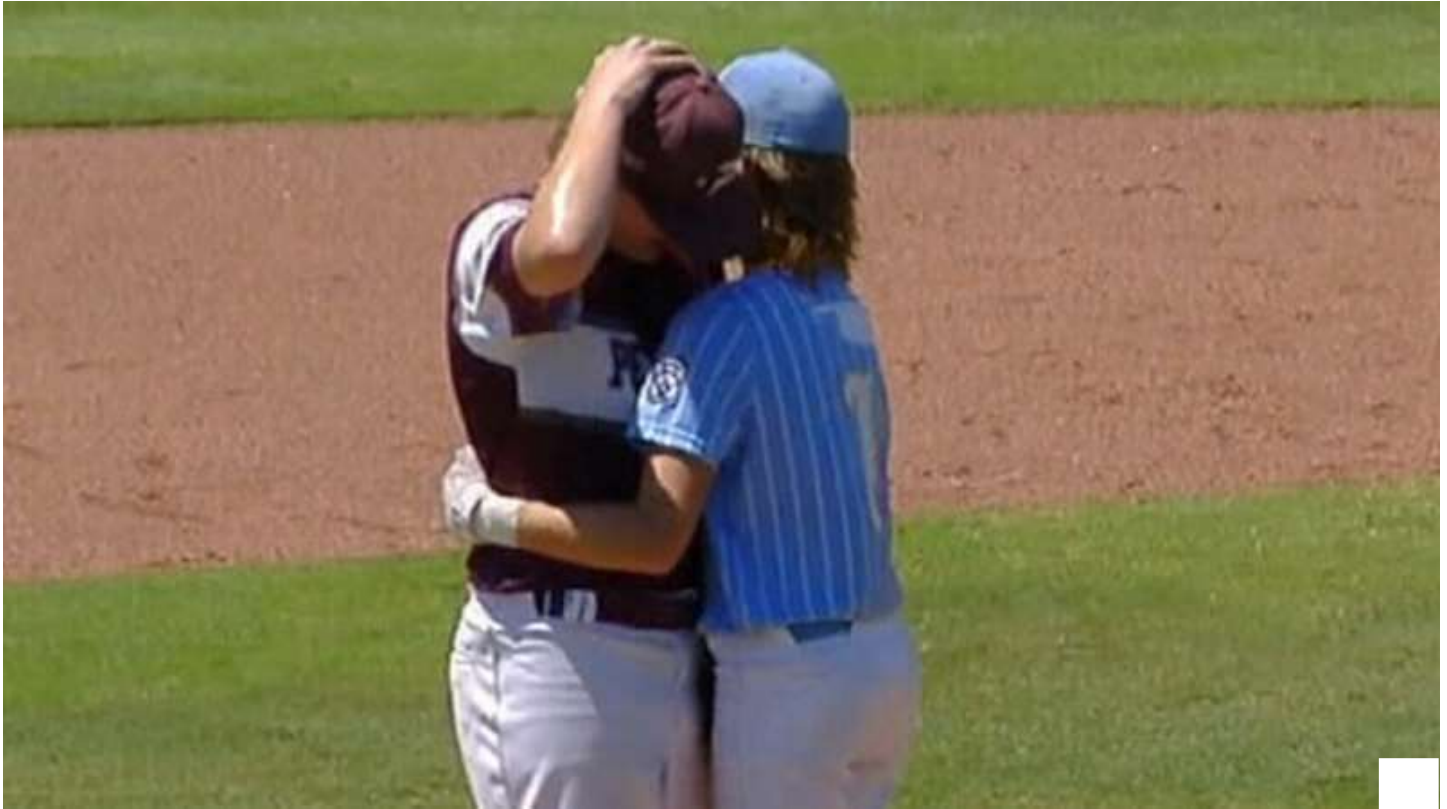
DON'T MISS



U.S. trooper snags dog that leapt from car at traffic stop



Teen baseball player suffers a stroke; a community steps up



Little League batter gets hit in the head, comforts pitcher



B.C. man captures video of scary cougar encounter



Climate change sparks mineral 'treasure hunt' in Greenland



Residents angry about 'monster' house being built in Ont.

CTVNEWS.CA TOP STORIES



Canada should loosen visa requirements to allow more Ukrainian refugees: report



P.E.I. group calls on government to reinstate COVID-19 measures



Canadian army veteran charged with murder after mass shooting in Belize nightclub



B.C. actress hit in the chest by bullet in L.A. shooting last month



Well-known Brampton, Ont. real estate agent, media personality savagely attacked outside home



Homemade baby food contains as many toxic metals as store-bought options, report says

Advertisement

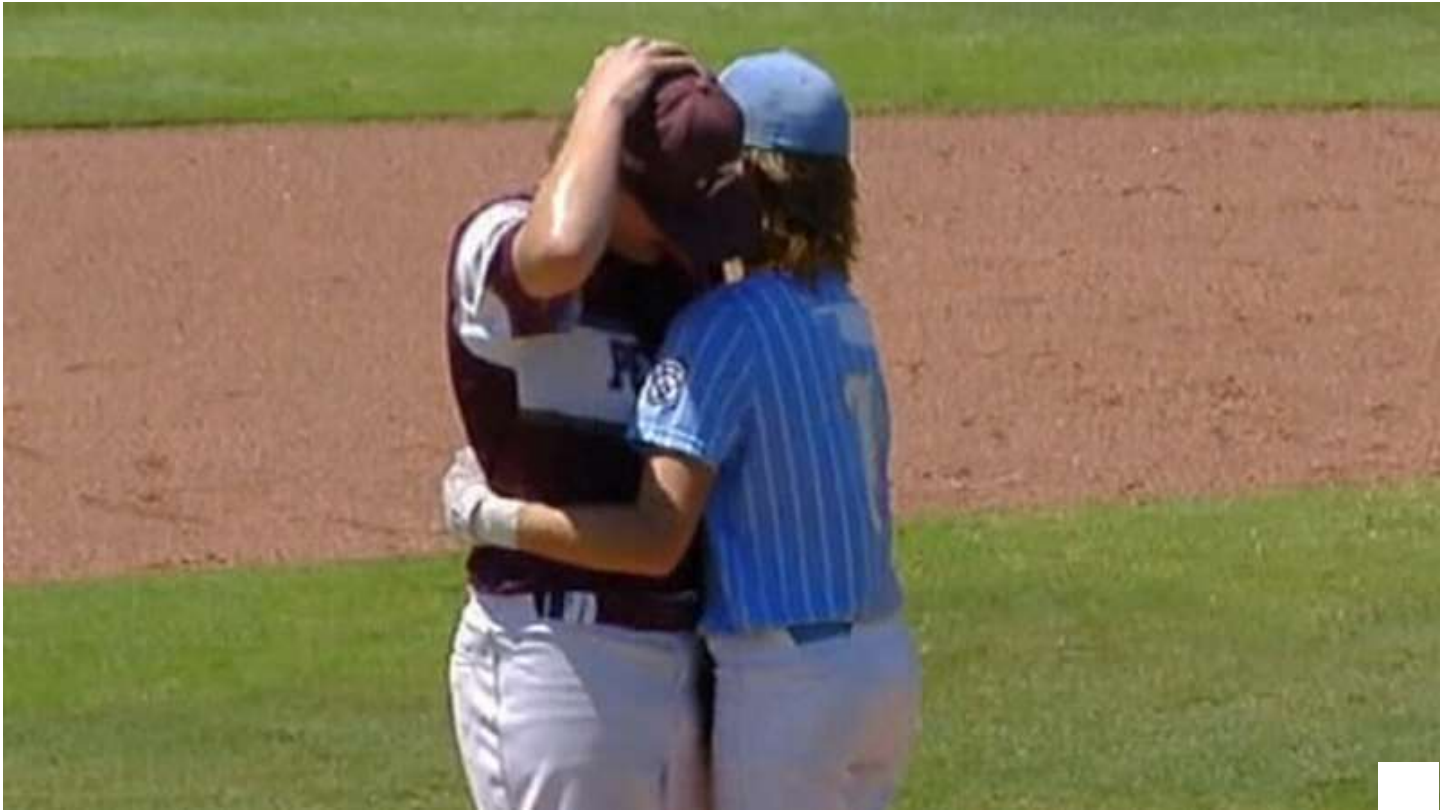
MOST-WATCHED



1 dead after shooting at high school in Montreal North



'Monster' home in Richmond Hill raises eyebrows



Sweet display of sportsmanship



Questions after Pride parade cancelled



'Never agreed to have him buried here,' says Kahnawake member

MOST-READ



Pope Francis in Quebec: Accounts from the ground



Federal committee to discuss Pornhub and protection of privacy Monday

Contact our Sales Team



Montreal luxury home of Pornhub owner destroyed in suspected arson



Man injured after drive-by shooting in Riviere-des-Prairies

FOLLOW ON



Political Ads Registry

Use of this Website assumes acceptance of [Terms & Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) | [Accessibility](#)

© 2021

All rights reserved.